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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CHANGES IN GNA COALITION

1. LOCAL PRESS HAS FEATURED INCREASED SPECUALATION THAT FRENTE OBRERO WILL JOIN GNA COALITION SHORTLY. AT PROBABLE INSISTENCE OF MEP LEADER BETICO CROES THAT COALITION HAVE 15 STATEN VOTES NECESSARY FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES, GNA PRIME MINISTER EVERTSZ HAS BEEN CONSULTING WITH FRENTE LEADER PAPA GODETT. SPECULATION IS THAT GODETT WILL BRING HIS 3 STATEN VOTES INTO COALITION IN RETURN FOR PORTFOLIO OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, DESPITE HIS PREVIOUS STAND THAT FRENTE SHOULD BE GIEN SEVERAL PORTFOLIOS.

- 2. IF FRENTE JOINS GNA COALITION, PROBABILITY IS THAT EVERTSZ' NVP-UN WILL JOIN FRENTE IN ISLAND GOVERNMENT, THUS SQUEEZING OUT PSD, WHIKH LEFT GNA TWO MONTHS AGO. FRENTE WOULD REMAIN WITH 4 OF 6 SEATS ON ISLAND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, AND NEW COALITION WOULD HAVE 14 OF 21 ISLAND SEATS. WITH EXPECTED RESIGNATION OF ECONOMICS MINISTER POURIER, PRESENT LABOR MINISTER MCWILLIAMS COULD ASSUME ECONOMIC PORTFOLIO, LEAVING SPACE FOR GODETT IN CABINET WITHOUT UNDUE SHAKEUP OF NVP.
- 3. COMMENT: GODETT'S ENTRY IN CABINET ON NVP TERMS WILL BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MINOR VICTORY FOR EVERTSZ WHO IS UNDER SEVERE PRESSURE FROM

MEP TO EXPAND COALITION SO THEIR PROGRAM OF SEPARATING ARUBAS FROM REST OF NA CAN BE IMPLEMENTED. GIVING THORNY PROBLEMS OF SOCIAL AND LABOR TO GODETT AND FORCING HIM TO FACE ARUBAN INTRANSIGENCE WILL STENGTHEN NVP POSITION. ALTERNATIVE MIGHT HAVE BEEN NEW STATEN ELECTIONS WITH FRENTE SURE TO IMPROVE POSITION AT NVP EXPENSE. AFTER ALLOWING GODETT AND FRENTE SOME TIME IN OFFICE, VOTERS COULD BECOME SOMEWHAT DISENCHANTED WITH FRENTE, THUS IMPROVING NVP'S FUTURE ELECTORAL POSITION. KREISBERG

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